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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Hidetaka OSAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7988

Serial No.: 09/781,224 : Group Art Unit 1743

Filed: February 13, 2001 : Examiner: GORDON, Brian R.

For: PIPETTING APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF PIPETTING A LIQUID

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
- ☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	25	36	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	5	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

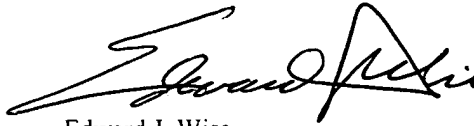
- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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